JUNEAU COUNTY
MASTER GARDENERS
NEWSLETTER
October 2019
UW-Madison | Division of Extension
Juneau County

Juneau County Master Gardeners Meeting

Note: *Change of time and place!*

When: Monday Oct 28, 2019

5:30 – 8:30 pm

Where: Myrna Nachatelo

N4517 Braund Road
Mauston WI 53948
608-548-9235

Car pool if you can. Bring chairs

It's a Pot Luck

Directions:

From Mauston

- Take Grayside Ave/Hwy 82 west out of Mauston toward Elroy
- Go 7 miles past the High School, turn right on Nelson Rd.
- Go 2 miles to Braund Road, turn right
- N4517 is on the right less than 1/2 mile.

From Elroy

- Take Hwy 82 east toward Mauston
- Go 2 miles to Nelson Rd, turn left.
- Continue as above.

From New Lisbon

- Take Hwy 80 around detour toward Elroy
- Go about 3.5 miles to McCann Rd, turn left.
- Follow around to Braund Rd on your right.

Agenda:

- Approval of Minutes from Sept 23, 2019
- Treasurer's Report – Irene Klingemann
- Historian's Report – Marsha Lubinski
- WIMGA Conference Report – Maureen Fox
- Extension Educator Report – Alana Voss
- Sharing Supper Report – Myrna & Natty
- Master Gardeners Signs – Lutrelle & Alana
- Teaching or Educational Grab & Go Boxes
- Membership Report
- Hosts and Treats signup for 2020

April 27	August 24
May 18	September 28
June 22	October 26
July 27	

- Dues can be paid for 2020
- Any other Business?

Juneau County Master Gardener Meeting Minutes

Sept 23, 2019 6:00 pm

The September Master Gardener meeting was held at the home of Herb and Diane Dannenberg There were 19 members and guests present for the garden tour, lunch, and meeting. Thank you to Herb and Diane for hosting our meeting. Thank you to all who brought delicious dishes to share.

Call to Order:
President Deb Bollig called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes:
Minutes from the August meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurers Report:
The Treasurer's report was presented by Irene Klingemann. The treasurer's report was accepted as written. Irene also reminded the group that dues of $12 for the year 2020 are due.

Report from Alana Voss:
Alana will help any Master Gardener volunteer who needs assistance entering hours into the online system. Hours are due by October 1st. She also brought some printed waivers for anyone not able to complete their hours this year.

No WIMGA Report:

Historian's Report:

- Marsha Lubinski asked that project and meeting pictures be sent to her for the historian albums.
- Marsha asked if the budget for Christmas decorating at the Boorman House could be raised this year. She shops garage and rummage sales to save money on decorations, but the room is quite large. She asked that no one lends ornaments, as they might get damaged while on display. A motion was made by Audrey Traver to raise the budget to $150. Margarete Hummelbeck seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The theme this year is "Angels".

Project Updates:

- Master Gardener signs: Alana Voss and Lutrelle Manna. Lutrelle will forward information to Audrey Traver who has volunteered to visit with Concept Printers, as they are very hard to reach.
- Natty Kranz gave a report on the August Mauston Sharing Supper. Natty took plant cuttings to share, and the topic was wild cucumbers.
- Margarete Hummelbeck stated that the Boorman House needs dead-heading and clean-up. A day and an alternate day will be posted on the Master Gardener Facebook page.
- The Master Gardener Brochure had a few changes made, and copies were passed out.
- Alana Voss will bring a sample the Grab and Go box to the next meeting.
- Bylaws: changes will be made, if needed, after the State finishes with updates to the state level of bylaws.

Information Exchange:

- Herb Dannenberg informed the group of a good place to purchase organic gardening supplies: Hillsboro Earth Food. They have a good assortment of products at reasonable prices. Their website is ohioearthfood.com.
- Alana Voss informed the group that a Master Gardener trip for 2020 will be to Allen Centennial Gardens in Madison.

Meeting reminders:
The next meeting will be held on October 28th at the home of Myrna Nachatelo. The garden tours will start at 5:30 pm to avoid the early darkness of October days.

Adjournment:

Respectfully Submitted by Lutrelle Manna

JUNEAU COUNTY MASTER GARDENER PROJECTS:

Anyone interested in helping on any of these, please contact person listed. This is a great way to accumulate volunteer support hours towards certification.

- Adopt-a-Highway – Maureen Fox, 462-4228
  - Cleaning trash along Highway 58 South of Mauston
- Boorman House – Margarete Hummelbeck, 562-3856
  - Garden renovation around the Juneau County Historical Society Boorman House
  - Watering and Shade Garden – Natty Kranz, 547-1884/Marion Koca, 847-4580/ Lutrelle Manna, 547-3213
- Buckhorn State Park Project –
  - Maintain plantings and gardens around the office and cabins
- Carl W. Nelson Animal Shelter – Jan Brendle, 565-7290/Rosemary Aney, 847-5558
  - Planting annuals and maintaining flower bed
- Elroy Fair – Bev Kozlowski; 608-853-0300
  - Manning booth for distributing MG information and plant sales
- Facebook Site – Beth Pusel, 547-6172/ Diane Hamm, 547-9404
  - Administrating and maintaining Facebook site
- Juneau County Fair – Marsha Lubinski, 847-5166
  - Entering an Open Class Booth with MG information
- Lyndon Station Veterans Memorial Park – Natty Kranz, 547-1884
  - Maintaining grounds
- Mauston Food Pantry Flower Beds – Marsha Lubinski, 847-5166
  - Planting annuals and maintaining flower bed
- New Lisbon City Planters – Arris Sullivan, 562-5181
  - Planting annuals and maintaining flower beds/planters
- Necedah Nat'l Wildlife Refuge and Butterfly Program– Audrey Traver, 608-427-3761
  - Planting annuals and maintaining flower beds/planters
- Stewart Chapel – Herb & Diane Dannenberg, 847-4395/Margie Miller, 847-5541
  - Planting annuals and maintaining flower beds/planters

Way to Go Alana!

Congratulations

Highlights from Alana's Bio

Grew up in Juneau County on my family's cash crop farm …. was very active in 4-H and FFA.

After graduation at UW-Platteville in 2016 …. I come back home to be near family and continue to help on the family farm.

Proudest professional accomplishment: *Being hired into Extension in my hometown area …. have a constant reminder of the good that I can do to help individuals in my communities learn more about the agriculture industry that plays a huge role in our counties. definitely outweighs the titles and awards in my book.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOTE: Be sure to check times & dates to verify event.

Contact for more information on any event at Olbrich Botanical Gardens, 3330 Atwood Ave, Madison, WI; Aleeh Schwoerer, 608-245-3648 aschwoerer@cityofmadison.com For events at Rotary Botanical Gardens, 1455 Palmer Drive, Janesville, WI 53545, phone 608 752-3885 ext 17, rotarybotanicalgardens.org.
For events at West Madison Ag Research Station, 8502 Mineral Point Rd., Verona, WI 53593-9689, phone 608 262-2257, http://www.cals.wisc.edu/westmad/garden/Events.html

Oct 26 - 10am-3pm - 2019 WIMGA ANNUAL MEETING - Stevens Point - The WIMGA Annual Meeting, a requirement of our non-profit status, will be held this year in conjunction with the Fall Face-to-Face Meeting of Local Representatives. This meeting is open to all WIMGA members and is an opportunity to hear what your State Board is working on, vote on by-law changes and hear about future events. WIMGA has scheduled speakers for continuing education credit. Bernie Williams, WI-DNR will address the current situation with jumping worms, recommendations and latest research.. Location: UW-Stevens Point, Dreyfus Center 1015 Reserve Street, Stevens Point

Oct 26-27 - 10am-4pm - FINE ART & CRAFT SALE: ORGANIZED BY THE MADISON WEAVERS GUILD - Olbrich Botanical Gardens - Madison - Local and Midwest artists offer unique, hand-crafted art. Items on display and for sale include: fiber, pottery, painting, leather, jewelry, glass, wood, paper, baskets, wearables, home furnishings and more. Come and enjoy fabulous, affordable art and conversation with the artists. . For more information call 608-238-3425 or 608-219-5919.

Nov 2 - 9am-3pm - ANNUAL HERB FAIRE - Olbrich Botanical Gardens - Madison - Hear about herbs from speakers and vendors. Purchase herbal products. Make & take projects, demonstrations, and a Q & A station. Free! Organized by the Madison Herb Society. Visit www. madisonherbsociety.org/annual-herb-fair

Nov 2 - 9am-3pm - FALL SYMPOSIUM - Rotary Botanical Gardens, Janesville WI - Speakers & topics include: Irvin Etienne, Horticultural Display Coordinator for the Garden at Newfields (Indiana Museum of Art), "Carmen Miranda in the Midwest"; Mark A. Konlock, Director of Horticulture at Green Bay Botanical Garden, "Bulbalicious"; Mark Dwyer, former Director of Horticulture, Rotary Botanical Gardens "New and Exciting Perennials" Cost: $69 Members/$79 Non-Members, Note: *Tickets will be available until Oct 28 or until sold out. This event is limited to 120 people.*

Dec 7-31 - 10am-4pm - OLBRICH'S HOLIDAY EXPRESS & FLOWER AND MODEL TRAIN SHOW - Olbrich Botanical Gardens - Madison - Note: *Closes at 2pm Dec 24 all day Dec 25* - All aboard for Olbrich's Holiday Express! Large-scale model trains wind through a holiday scene overflowing with hundreds of poinsettias and fresh evergreens and twinkling lights! Cost: $6 for adults, $3 for children ages 3 to 12, Children 2 and under are free, Free member - includes the tropical Bolz Conservatory.

Costa Rica 2020 Where do you want to be next January? If you want to escape the cold Wisconsin weather and learn about tropical plants, foods, and ecosystems, start planning now to join newly retired WI MG Program Coordinator Susan Mahr on a tour to Costa Rica. There are two dates to choose from, **January 6-14 (tour A) or January 15-23 (B)**, both with the same itinerary. We'll visit the lowland flooded forest along the northeastern Caribbean coast, accessible only by air or boat; the tropical rainforest of the Caribbean slope, including a biological research station and old cacao plantation; the area around Arenal Volcano, where we'll enjoy hot springs and walk through the forest on hanging bridges; and along the way learn about chocolate, orchids, coffee and much more. Experience the magnificent scenery, interesting culture, amazing diversity of birds and fascinating animals, and plethora of plants this wonderful country has to offer! The cost is $3,495 pp double occupancy (single supplement: $595) and includes lodging, all meals and entrance fees, but does not include airfare. If you want to sign up you need to contact Kari Harper of Hidden Treasures Tours at (573) 303-2872 or kari@hiddentreasurestours.com Details at https://hiddentreasurestours.com/upcoming-tours/master-gardener-tour-costa-rica/

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February 7-9, 2020, Madison. WI

"Garden Expo" continues to evolve as a major event for Wisconsin Master Gardener Volunteers.

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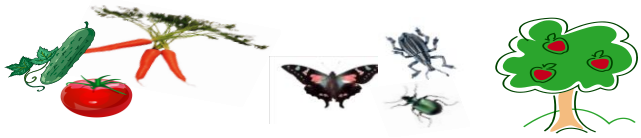
More information to follow

Hort - Q&A:



Here's a sample of horticultural questions received and answered by Juneau & Sauk County Agricultural Educator -, Alana Voss or a Juneau County Master Gardener Volunteer. Have a question or comment just call 608-847-9329 or cell 608-477-3945 or email alana.voss@wisc.edu

********Please note our office has moved and our office address has changed as of 4/6/18*********

Juneau County - Extension, 220 E. State Street, Rm 104, Mauston, WI 53948, Website: https://juneau.extension.wisc.edu/

This is a repeat from November 2010 on some tips on **Maintaining Lawn and Garden Tools** with some additions from the then Juneau Co. UW-Extension Summer Intern Justin Eckelberg**.**

When it comes to breaking up the soil, cutting wood and shrubs, or mowing that lawn, having sharp, clean, and lubricated tools of good quality will make that outdoor job simpler and efficient. Tools that are clean and sharp require less effort to do the work than ones that have rusted or are caked with soil. Now that we're getting toward the end of the gardening season, it's a good time to think about sprucing up your tools before they go into winter storage. Take the time to maintain your tools now, so they'll be all ready for the spring gardening rush!

Clean all earth-cutting tools (shovels, hoes, etc.) to remove any soil with medium grit sandpaper or a putty knife. Tools can also be soaked in water and the dirt can be removed with a wire brush. To remove some rust, use a coarse grade of steel wool or aluminum oxide sanding paper. Dry thoroughly, then add some oil, WD-40, or a silicone spray to each side of the hoe or shovel and use a small cloth to spread the lubricant over the surface to prevent corrosion. To prevent future rusting, an oil dip made from a bucket of sand with engine or vegetable oil can be used to dunk tool surfaces. Tools can be kept in the bucket until next season.

Handles are an important component of all tools. You need to keep them in good condition to make them last. Some tips are to check for loose screws or bolts to keep the handle properly tightened. Clean handles with stiff-bristle brushes and use medium grit sandpaper to smooth wood splinters. Boiled linseed oil can be used to prevent drying out and cracking which leads to splinters. A rubber-coating spray can also be used on wooden handles to give a better grip and reduce wear and tear on the handle.

Sharpen the blades at the appropriate angle using the correct tools. Pruning shears and loppers need to be sharpened on one or both sides of the blades, depending on the type. Other tools may require a grinder or special files to get the correct sharpening. When you have high-quality tools, keep them sharp to the point that that the cutting edges are kept at their original angle.

Alana Voss

Agricultural Educator

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Helpful Hint for Carving Pumpkins

Wipe inside and outside of the pumpkin with bleach mixture (1 tablespoon of bleach to quart of water) to prevent bacteria from decaying pumpkin. And, after cutting pumpkin, rub petroleum jelly on all cut areas.

Submitted by Arris Sullivan

OCTOBER GARDENING TIPS

Another growing season has come to an end and all those plants that you have nurtured thru rain and heat will either wither away or start their winter rest period. It's almost time for garden chores to end for the season so here are a few last minute jobs:

- fertilizing and reseeding the lawn
- raking up and mulching leaves (***see note below)
- cleaning out the vegetable garden and flowers beds
- pruning trees and shrubs
- planting spring blooming bulbs and fertilize with bone meal
- raking up and disposing of all fallen fruit in orchard.

*** Another idea is to leave mulch on the flower beds. Butterflies and songbirds depend on this leaf litter. Over the winter months, butterflies and moths as pupa or caterpillar are in the leaf litter. When you rake it up, you are removing this whole population of butterflies. Without insects in the leaf litter, you also drive away birds looking for food to feed their offspring

If not too late, buy colorful, hardy flowering mum plants now for transplanting into beds where annual flowers have begun to fade or will soon be removed. These hardy garden mums will need mounding with soil after the foliage has died to protect them through the winter.

To prolong a feeling of summer, take cuttings of shade-loving flowering annuals to grow in a sunny window or under lights indoors this winter. This includes wax begonias, impatiens, coleus, lantana, and fuchsia. Geraniums need a lot of light but can survive indoors well enough to be grown outdoors again next year. Or they can be clipped back to about 6-8 inches and left dry in a store room till spring.

Once frost has browned the foliage of non-hardy summer flowering plants such as cannas, dahlia, gladiolus, caladium, and tuberous begonia it is time to dig and store them for their annual rest. All should be air dried before placing in a cool spot for the winter. Gladiolus are stored dry and uncovered while all others should be covered with well wrung-out peat, soil, or sand to keep them lightly moist.

After a killing frost, rose bush foliage should be stripped and old leaves cleaned from bed. Prune branches enough to prevent whipping around in wind or to fit under rose cones. But don't cover the roses yet, wait till the ground freezes. Before this, make sure that the roses get a good deep soaking. The simplest protection is a mound of soil brought in around the base of the plant to protect the bud union. After mounding the soil, cover the rest of the roses with leaves or peat moss. Remember to remove this mulch gradually in early spring.

Prepare vegetable garden soil for early spring planting. Spread manure and incorporate into soil. Cut back asparagus ferns and dispose to prevent insect and disease problems next year. And manure could be added at this time also and mixed in well, also mulch with straw. Plant garlic cloves, the bigger the better, 1-2 inches deep in well-tilled fertile soil, 6-8 weeks before ground freezes, and mulch well only after ground freezes.

The evenings are getting cool and the hostas are getting ready for their long winter nap. There are a few things you will want to do to get a jump start on the next season:

1. Use your slug bait: Those little guys are still out there, laying eggs. Whether you use a chemical treatment, an ammonia mix or the good old fashion beer traps, keep it up!
2. Vole trap: Voles are very active over the winter, chewing away at your hosta roots. Use TomCat® bait blocks placed in old mason jars. Drill a 15/16" hole in the lid, place the bait inside and put the lid back on. Then place these jars around the gardens on their side. The voles will chew on the bait, go into their holes and pass away.
3. Lightly mulch over your plants: We allow the hosta leaves to die down and cover the crown to protect it over the winter. Also allow the tree leaves to cover the gardens. As they decompose over the winter, it adds vital nutrients to the soil.

Editor's Note: As I was checking on how to overwinter a popcorn plant I found out that all parts of this plant are poisonous - so be aware if you have pets who nibble on plants.

Is it too early to start thinking about January?

Continuing Education Opportunities
Registration Open for Level 3: Placemaking Lite

A version of Placemaking for Master Gardener Volunteers (offered previously in 2019) that has all of the good information and a more relaxed timeline. Course start date: January 2020. In the meantime, the Program Office is working on a new training for 2021… *soon to be announced*! Visit the registration website. Registration will be open October-December 2019.

What will I learn?

- What placemaking is and how MGVs can be/are placemakers
- How placemaking is being used in communities
- How to think about MG projects in a new way to connect them to research, goals, and community needs

What stays the same?

- Class is totally online = flexibility! Do the course when it works with your schedule
- Watch videos, read, and answer questions using Google Forms (no Google account required)
- Starts January 2020
- Technical assistance provided by the state program office and Extension

What is different about this course?

- NO GOOGLE ACCOUNT REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE
- Earn 6 hours of Continuing Education
- No final project or discussion questions. (There are questions to respond to but you don't have to reply to a classmate's answer.)
- Course runs January-October 1, 2020… that's a 9 month window to complete it whenever you can with your schedule. No scheduled online meetings or due dates.

Cost: $25 per person

Why Do Leaves Change Color in the Fall?

We all enjoy the colors of autumn leaves. Did you ever wonder how and why a fall leaf changes color? Why a maple leaf turns bright red? Leaves are nature's food factories. Plants use sunlight to turn water and carbon dioxide into glucose. Plants use glucose as food for energy and as a building block for growing. As summer ends and autumn comes, the days get shorter and shorter. They begin to shut down their food-making factories. Sunlight and the cool nights of autumn cause the leaves to turn this glucose into a red color. All these things make the beautiful colors we enjoy in the fall.

More Continuing Education Opportunities

Read these articles and more at wimastergardener.org. We turned the comments section off, but you can still get ½ hour CE by reading the articles

https://wimastergardener.org/article/autumn-blaze-maple/

https://wimastergardener.org/article/living-stones-lithops/

Get your continuing education with our Level 2 **Plants Plus Series** To get 2 hours of continuing education credit for watching and reading this package of information, just complete the short quiz! Click on the image or link to access the module.

https://wimastergardener.org/article/pollinators/ NEW!

http://fyi.uwex.edu/mastergardener/article/root-crops/

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Reminders

- *It's time to fill-out your JCMG membership form for 2020 (see below) and bring it along with $12.00 for dues to the October meeting or mail it in.*
- ***Note** that for JCMG members, $5.00 of this goes towards membership in WIMGA and to receive the WIMGA newsletter.*
- *The October meeting is a POT LUCK at Myrna Nachatelo, N4517 Braund Road, Mauston, starting at **5:30 pm**. It will be the last meeting of year - next meeting will be in April of 2020.*

2020 JUNEAU COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME			
ADDRESS			
CITY			
STATE		ZIP	
PHONE	( )		
E-MAIL			

If you would like to host a garden meeting, list two months of your choice:

1st choice_____ 2nd choice _____

If you are a current Master Gardener, list the year you took your training:

_____

If not, would you like information on becoming a Master Gardener?

ANNUAL DUES: **$12.00** from January thru December 2020

FILL IN THIS FORM AND MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: **Juneau County Master Gardeners** AND MAIL TO:

Irene Klingemann, W5805 Brown Rd, Mauston WI 53948